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SUBJ: THE ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT ON EVE OF PRIME MINISTER'S

APRIL 16-21 VISIT TO US

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FOR LAST NINE MONTHS IT HAS BEEN ANDREOTTI'S DILEMMA THAT, WHILE ELECTORAL SHIFT RIGHTWARD LAST MAY GAVE CLEAR MANDATE TO EXCLUDE SOCIALISTS FROM GOVERNMENT, SIMULTANEOUS GROWTH OF ULTRA- RIGHT HAS DENIED FORCES OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER AN ADEQUATE PARLIAMENTARY MARGIN TO GOVERN FIRMLY AND IN TRANQUILITY. AS CONSEQUENCE, GOVERNMENT'S PERMANENCE HAS NOW BEEN PLACED IN QUESTION BY PROPOSALS FROM WITHIN IT TO EXPLORE RENEWAL OF COLLABORATION WITH SOCIALISTS. BUT RENEWAL OF CENTER- LEFT IS MORE EASILY PROPOSED THAN ACHIEVED, SINCE SOCIALIST PARTY, ALTHOUGH " AVAILABLE", HAS YET TO DISPLAY WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH RIGHTWARD ELECTORAL TRENDS OF LAST YEAR DICTATE.

2. DESPITE THEIR VARIED MANEUVERINGS, VIRTUALLY ALL COALITION MEMBERS PROMISE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ANDREOTTI UNTIL ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE IS AT HAND, AND HE HIMSELF DECLARES HE WILL NOT RESIGN UNLESS DEFEATED ON FORMAL VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. THUS, AT MINIMUM, ANDREOTTI SEEMS SAFE UNTIL AFTER DC CONGRESS IN JUNE, AND HIS OR SIMILAR GOVERNMENT COULD POSSIBLY REMAIN IN CHARGE FOR PROLONGED PERIOD. WE BELIEVE DC COHESION AND RESPONSIVENESS TO ITS ELECTORAL BASE IS ESSENTIAL TO PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRATIC NATO ORIENTED ITALY, AND THAT ANDREOTTI- FORLANI

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" RECOMMENDATIONS

IN (2).(IV) AND ( V) ABOVE WERE REFERRED TO NADREPS".

PURPOSE IS TO CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RESPONDING TO CNAD RECOMMENDATIONS.

E. PAGE 4.(1). THIRD LINE HAS BEEN DELETED, TO ELIMINATE STATEMENT CONCERNING ENDORSEMENT OF VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFERENCE C, PENDING REVIEW IN CAPITALS.

F. PAGE 4.(2), 2 ND LINE. " GERMAN NAD" HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH " TSGAD" TO DIRECT REPLIES TO FRG QUESTIONNAIRE ( ANNEX TO REF. C) TO GROUP THAT WILL SUMMARIZE COMMENTS.

G. PAGE 4. ( IV).(3), 2 ND LINE. WORDS " POSSIBILITY OF" HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH " DESIRABILITY OF ADOPTING", TO AVOID IMPLICATION THAT ALL ASPECT CAPABILITY IS STILL A TECHNICAL UNCERTAINTY.

H. PAGE 8.(2).( II), 3 RD LINE. " ACTION IN" HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH " ORGANIZATION OF", FOR CLARIFICATION.

I. PAGE 9.(4).( II), 3 RD LINE. " WAS" HAS BEEN REPLACED BY " IS", TO CLARIFY NNAG PRIORITIES.

2. TWO POINTS IN TEXT OF REF. B WERE LEFT OPEN PENDING U. S. REPLY WHICH IS DESIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

A. PAGE 6.(2).( IV). DID DR. FOSTER PROPOSE STUDY OF " EARLY WARNING" OR " AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING"?

B. PAGE 6.(2).( IX). DID DR. FOSTER PROPOSE STUDY OF " ASW SENSORS" OR " AIRBORNE ASW SENSORS"?

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3. ACTION DESIRED: U. S. CONCURRENCE WITH REF. B, AS AMENDED IN 1, ABOVE, AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN 2 ABOVE ARE DESIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS PUBLICATION OF DECISION SHEET WILL BE HELD UP PENDING CONCURRENCE.

4. FRG QUESTIONNAIRE PUBLISHED AS ANNEX TO REF. C CONTAINS QUESTIONS CONCERNING U. S. WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE SAM- D TECHNOLOGY TO A JOINT SAM PROJECT. STATEMENTS IN SECTION 4. A, PAGES 4 AND 5 OF REF. C, NEARLY RULE OUT SAM- D AS A CANDIDATE FOR AJOINT PROGRAM. U. S. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE MUST CAREFULLY WEIGH IMPLICATIONS OF THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS TO FUTURE COURSE OF AC/280 WORK AND U. S. OPPORTUNITIES TO ELICIT EUROPEAN INTEREST IN SAM- D.

5. IN PARA. 3, REF. A, US NADREP PROPOSED CERTAIN ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN CNAD REPORT TO MINISTERS. NOW THAT DRAFTING HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL EARLY MAY, REQUEST GUIDANCE IN AS MUCH

DETAIL AS CAN BE FURNISHED WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION  
PAID TO DESIRED TREATMENT OF RESULTS OF FOUR SPECIAL  
STUDIES BY NADS. COPIES OF UK AND FRG REPORTS PUBLISHED AS  
AC/259- WP/9 AND AC/259- WP/11, RESPECTIVELY, ARE IN OR  
ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON. FRENCH REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED AS  
AC/259- WP/10 AND WILL BE MAILED AROUND 18 APRIL.

ACTION DESIRED: GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO REPORT TO MINISTERS  
WILL BE NEEDED BY 30 APRIL.  
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